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Stated Meeting, January 4, 1884.

Present, 7 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Donations for the Library were received from Captain R. C. Temple, Allahabad; MM. August Berger and Fried. Pressel, Ulm; Prof. Paul Albrecht, Brussels; the Geological Commercial Society, Bordeaux; the Geographical Society and M. Luciano Cordeira, of Lisbon; the Revista Euskara; Revue Politique; Mr. H. M. Stanley; Mr. W. Marriott; Mr. John Hampden; London Nature; Meteorological Society; Royal Astronomical Society, Victoria Institute; Kew Observatory; Royal Geological Society of Cornwall; Mr. F. B. Hough, of Concord, New Hampshire; the Essex Institute; B. N. H. S.; Science Record; Meteorological Observatory at New York; Philadelphia Library Company, Franklin Institute, Mr. Henry Phillips, Jr., United States Fish Commission and United States National Museum.

The death of Sven Nillson, at Lund, November 30, 1883 aged 96 years, 8 months, 22 days, was announced.

The death of General Thomas Leiper Kane, at Philadelphia, December 26, 1883, aged 61 years, 11 months, was announced by Mr. J. S. Price.

The death of General Andrew A. Humphreys, at Washington, December 27, 1883, aged 73 years, was announced by Mr. Fraley, who was, on motion, authorized to select members of the Society to prepare notices of General Kane and General Humphreys.

Mr. Lesley offered to the inspection of the members a photographic print of one of Mr. George Simpson's beautiful drawings of Mr. Mansfield's cannel coal shale specimens, on which was exhibited a nearly perfect specimen of *Dolichopterus Mansfieldi* C. E. Hall (see Proceedings American Philosophical Society, Volume XVI, page 621, 1877), lying across a mass of broken ferns and stems, *Pecopteris*, *Neuropteris*, *Annularia*, *Sigillaria*, &c. Twenty-five figures of Eurypterids, in whole or in part, with enlargements of scales, &c., will be published by the Second Geographical Survey, with the three plates of similar forms rom Warren county, drawn and described by Mr. C. E. Beecher.

He exhibited also a *quartz pebble*, with coal adhering to its sides, about the size of a goose egg, found in the floor of Mr. Mansfield's *Cannel coal bed*, at his mines near Cannelton, in Beaver county, Pennsylvania. Four such had been found at different times in the progress of mining this bed. Similar finds have been made in other coal fields in America and in Europe. One very large rock of limestone in the body of a coal bed in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, was reported by Prof. J. J. Stevenson. Such events could only have taken place beneath very slowly running water bearing along upland trees with stones attached to their roots, and dropping these stones one by one into the marsh vegetation through which the water moved.

Mr. Lesley communicated a note, or suggestion, in mythological studies, respecting the original meaning of the animal ideograph of the god *Set*.

Dr. Brinton, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Lesley were appointed a Committee to examine the Mexican manuscripts belonging to the Society, now on deposit with the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, to report on the propriety of preparing any of them for publication, and with power to reclaim the same.

Mr. Lesley was nominated Librarian.

The Report of the Judges of the Annual Election was read, by which the following officers were declared duly elected for the ensuing year, 1884:

President,

Frederick Fraley.

Vice-Presidents,

Eli K. Price, E. Otis Kendall, Pliny E. Chase.

Secretaries,

Geo. F. Barker, Daniel G. Brinton, Henry Phillips, Jr., J. P. Lesley.

Counsellors for three years,

Daniel G. Goodwin, W. S. W. Ruschenberger, Henry Winsor, Wm. A. Ingham.

Curators,

Geo. H. Horn, Charles E. Ames, Philip H. Law.

Treasurer,

J. Sergeant Price.

And the meeting was adjourned.